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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	10/661,485
Filing Date	September 15, 2003
First Named Inventor	Kenichi KAWAUCHI et al.
Group Art Unit	2853
Examiner Name	Julian D. Huffmann
Attorney Docket No.	046601-5109

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 14, 2006.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other RCE Transmittal Sheet with extension of time and RCE fees

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$790.00.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$120.00 for an one (1) month extension, the request for which is being made herewith.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Kent Basson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	48,125
Signature		Date	April 13, 2006

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Kenichi KAWAUCHI et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 9250
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Application No.: 10/661,485	)	Group Art Unit: 2853
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Filed: September 15, 2003	)	Examiner: Julian D. Huffman
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For: APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING	)	
INK DROPLETS PLACEMENT	)	
ERRORS FOR RECORDING	)	
APPARATUS, RECORDING	)	
APPARATUS HAVING APPARATUS	)	
FOR CORRECTING INK DROPLETS	)	
PLACEMENT ERRORS, AND	)	
METHOD FOR CORRECTING INK	)	
DROPLETS PLACEMENT ERRORS	)	

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Sir:

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☐ Enclosed:

☐ Supplemental Reply

☐ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees Calculation

(a) RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

☒ \$790.00

☐ \$385.00 (for small entity)

(b) Additional Claims

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	19	minus	19	0	x \$50 each =	+ \$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	9	minus	9	0	x \$200 each =	+ \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$00.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

## (c) Extension of Time

- ☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below.

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

The extension of time fee for this request: \$120.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

## 4. Fee Payment

- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$910.00 (representing \$790.00 for the RCE filing fee, and \$120.00 for the one-month extension of time fee).

☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

**MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP**

Dated: April 13, 2006

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